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Fire District Board Hears Explanations

Directors, Council Learn Details for Providing Protection

Directors of the rural fire district surrounding Vernonia and councilmen of the city of Vernonia met Tuesday evening to hear three men explain proposals for setting up fire protection for the district as well as details that will be followed in determining the insurance rate class.

The meeting, held at the IWA union hall, brought here Jim Hicks, assistant state fire marshal, W. J. Wagner from the state insurance rating bureau and O. A. Ridenour, county assessor. Outlined at the session were details that should be followed in making available a piece of fire fighting equipment capable of meeting standards of the rating bureau so that insurance rates for property owners in the district can be lowered. Also explained was a method to follow in financing payment for the equipment.

The district directors will contract with the city for providing the equipment and for making arrangements that will be suitable so that calls can be answered quickly. The city will ask Attorney C. F. Bradley to prepare a contract covering the working agreement between the city and district.

Juniors Lead Honor Roll List

The following students at Vernonia high school earned places on the honor roll for the second six weeks period:

Seniors—Joyce Akers, Margaret Buckley, Margaret Cook, Dorothy Gwin, Sharon Hamilton, J. R. Kirkbride, Pat O'Brien, Bob Rose, Alice Snook, Nadine Tunnel; Juniors—Donna Bayley, Gretchen Bolmeier, Pat Brissett, June Jones, Bertha Keasey, Rosalie Kirkbride, Loretta Mills, Deloris Olson, Sheila Parrish, Joan Peters, Patsy Wildt; Sophomores—Donna Buckley, Robert Drips, Janice Garner, Georgia Parrish, Joyce Thompson, Ruby Wells; Freshmen—Darlene Bernarol, Robert Hoerle, Garry Strong and Wayne Shafer.

Examiner Here Dec. 17

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Vernonia Friday, December 17, 1954, at the city hall between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

East Teams Defeat West 90-77 Friday Evening

The teams of the eastern half of the Lower Columbia League, winning three out of four short games, scored a 90-77 win over western half teams Friday night. Approximately 1000 spectators attending the Jamboree at the high school gym saw the eight league teams in some very fast, spirited basketball.

The closest contest of the evening was the final game played by Seappoose and Neahkahnie in which the lead changed three times during the last minute of play. A set shot by Bob Gilligan with about eight seconds to play enabled Seappoose to win 22-21. Neahkahnie had overcome a 16-9 first period deficit to take a one-point lead before Gilligan's winning shot.

The opening game between Seaside and Vernonia set the pace for the entire Jamboree and

Rites Wednesday For Mrs. Harders

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Futen's Chapel in the Grove for Mrs. Christine Harders of Vernonia who passed away Saturday morning following an extended illness. Reverend E. A. Boosinger, pastor of the Forest Grove Christian Church officiated. Interment was in the Forest View cemetery, Forest Grove.

Mrs. Harders was born August 11, 1898 at West Point, Nebraska, the daughter of Henry and Louise Clatt. She attended school and grew to womanhood at Norfolk, Nebraska and in 1927 moved to Sioux City, Iowa. She came to Oregon in 1944 and was united in marriage to Will Harders at Vancouver, Washington in October 1944. They lived in Portland until 1947 when they moved to Vernonia, living on Timber Route.

Surviving besides her husband are four children: Mrs. Louise Nicholls; Mrs. Dorothy Fritch and Verle Jensen, all of Sioux City, Iowa, and Lyle Jensen of Kansas; three stepchildren: Charles W. Harders, Vernonia; Hendy H. Harders, Glenrock, Wyoming and Evelyn Harders of Portland and 12 grandchildren.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Hauffman, Deer Lodge, Minnesota and Mrs. Marie Weide, Norfolk, Nebraska and a brother George Clatt of Norfolk.

Mrs. Ray Rogers and Mrs. Ray Huggett were vocalists at the service with Mrs. Dale Planer as organist. Serving as pallbearers were Joe Schmidling, Henry Honeyman; Joe Mallette, Bob Hodgson, Walter Baird and Walley Noakes.

treated the spectators to some fine basketball with plenty of thrills. Seaside, starting a reserve team, was behind 8-13 at the end of the first period. When the regulars came in to play the last quarter they found an inspired Logger squad which refused to be awed by the taller, more experienced Seagulls. With about two minutes left to play the Gulls height advantage began to pay off as Seaside took the lead for the first time and went on to win 26-23. Crowston and O'Brien showed especially well on defense. Darrell Fluke, Logger guard, scored ten points to tie Rainier's Gary Brown for top scoring honors of the evening.

Rainier put the east teams into a lead which they never relinquished by topping Clatskanie 23-17 in a very rough game. The Tigers, having only two returning lettermen and very little height, could not match the size and experience of the Rainier team.

St. Helens displayed perhaps the best defensive team of the Jamboree, holding Warrenton to 13 points while rolling up 22 points in the third game of the evening. Jim Ross was the spark scoring eight points in the first quarter and Marlin Marsh took over in the second quarter to score six points.

Games Scores:

EAST 90	WEST 71
Vernonia 23	Seaside 26
Rainier 23	Clatskanie 17
St. Helens 22	Warrenton 13
Seappoose 22	Neahkahnie 21

Rate Increase Hearings Set

Dates have been set by the Public Utilities Commissioner of Oregon for hearings for the West Coast Telephone Company to present their case as stated in petitions filed previously in which they have asked for rate increases.

For this area the hearing will be held December 13 at 1:30 p.m. in room 579, State Office Building, 1400 S. W. 5th Street in Portland, Oregon. If they show sufficient evidence to justify an increase, the commission will so order.

C. of C. Members to Meet

The Vernonia Chamber of Commerce membership meeting will be held at the IWA union hall, Friday night, December 10 at 8:00 p.m. The directors will meet there at 7:30 for a short business meeting preceding the membership meeting.

Safe Driving Day Set for December 15

Traffic Rule Observance, Care in Driving Asked To Eliminate Accidents

"Whereas, the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety has designated Wednesday, December 15, 1954 as "S-D Day"—Safe Driving Day, a day to demonstrate that traffic accidents can be reduced materially when all motorists and pedestrians do their best; and

Whereas, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the governors of all the states have called for the greatest cooperative job ever undertaken in behalf of traffic accident elimination; and

Whereas all mayors have been called upon to cooperate in the program;

Now therefore, I Lyman G. Hawken, Mayor of Vernonia, do hereby pledge to the President of the United States wholehearted support and cooperation in this high endeavor and call upon every citizen of Vernonia and the surrounding community to join in this crusade so that our community be free from any traffic accident here."

With the issuance of the above proclamation, Mayor Hawken stated his desire that every person in Vernonia could realize his personal responsibility, for on the action of the driver and the pedestrian depends the answer to safety or danger.

According to information released by E. C. Sammons, Oregon State Director of S-D Day, the Oregon State Industrial Union Council (CIO) has called upon all its members to join in this program. In their statement they say, "Safe driving is not merely a slogan nor even a day. It's a settled attitude of mind on the part of every individual."

Another organization that is locally solidly behind the program is the Knights of Pythias who have as a national organization won presidential recognition for their cooperation with his traffic safety program.

Bert Brunzman, local chairman of the county Lifesaver's committee, also urges every one to sign the safe driving pledges and help make S-D day and every day safe.

The president's action committee is asking every individual to do three things: 1. observe the letter and the spirit of all traffic regulations; 2. be courteous to every driver and pedestrian, practice sportsmanship; 3. give full attention to walking and driving. In short, everyone should drive and walk as they would have every one else drive and walk.

1955 County Fair Dates Listed

August 18 to 20 have been set as the dates for the 1955 Columbia county fair, it was announced this week by Jewett A. Bush, Clatskanie, Columbia county fair board manager.

Dates for the fair were selected last week at the annual meetings of the state fair association held in Portland.

In announcing the dates for the 1955 fair, it was also revealed that the Rainier Shows of Tacoma, Washington will furnish the carnival attractions at the Deer Island Fair next summer.

The Tacoma carnival replaces West Coast Shows which has played the fair the past several years.

6th Grade Plans Assembly

Mr. Frazier's sixth grade class at Washington grade school will present an assembly program on Friday, December 10, at 2:45 p.m. which will include musical numbers, a play and a choral reading.

Grade Fives Prepare for Jamboree

Eight Columbia county grade basketball teams representing the A schools and two that have been invited to participate will take part Friday evening in the county grade school jamboree.

The affair is timed to open at 7 p.m. December 10 at the high school gym and will precede regular league play which is to start the week of December 13-17 and continue until March 4 with one game scheduled each week.

Teams to compete from A schools will be Clatskanie, Rainier, Westport, John Gumm and McBride of St. Helens and Vernonia. Quincy and Yankton will be guest teams for the evening.

The Washington school team coached by James Johns lists players in the squad as: Donald Savage, Dick Crowston, George Brown, Billy Howard, Jimmy Nanson, Mike Mullins, Elvin Stiff, Melvin Parrish, Albert Davis and Owen Ensvoldsen.

Post Office Extends Hours

For the convenience of the public, the Vernonia post office will be open until 6:00 p.m. the next two Saturdays, December 11 and 18.

All who have either parcels or cards to go to the east coast are urged to get them into the mail at once. At least 10 days should be allowed for any mail to eastern points.

To assure delivery of cards it is best to use three cent stamps. Two cent stamps may be used on unsealed cards that contain no message, but they are third class mail which is not forwarded or returned. On cards bearing three cent stamps, be sure to put a return address so that if they are not delivered they can be returned to the sender. Christmas seals should never be put on the front of letters, only on the flap side of the envelope.

Parcels should be well wrapped and securely tied with the address written plainly on one side only. Fragile items should be avoided unless packed with exceptional care.

THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

Robert Lamping left last Wednesday after an extended leave enjoyed here on his return from three years in Germany. He is now at March Air Base in Southern California.

Cpl. and Mrs. Wesley Hunt of Ft. Lewis, Washington arrived here Saturday on a 27-day emergency leave necessitated by the illness of Wesley's father, Fred Hunt.

Cpl. Dewey Hunt has received a 5-day extension to his leave due to his father's illness.

City Grants Licenses, Asks Survey

City councilmen, meeting Monday of this week for their first December session, transacted several different items of business that had arisen since their last November meeting and also acted on matters that had not been completed at the former time.

New items included approval of three applications for liquor license renewals, Sam's Food Store, Lew's Place and Mikes. Gene R. Evans appeared before the council to ask approval of his license application, which if granted by the state, will make it possible for him to purchase Mike's Place from Dewey Countess.

Upon recommendation of City Engineer S. A. Ross, the council ordered a new alum feeder for the city water pumping plant. An order was also issued that bids be asked for constructing

Yule Spirit Evident in Streets, Stores

Churches, School, Clubs Prepare for Annual Programs

With the turning on of the Christmas street lights last week and the placing of Christmas trees and other street decorations last Sunday by members of the Lions' club, Vernonia has taken on a festive air and the Christmas spirit is becoming more evident everywhere. Most stores are gaily decorated and Christmas merchandise has the attention of both old and young.

Clubs and organizations are having Christmas parties and a round of festivities is planned for the days remaining before Christmas.

Saturday evening, December 18, the Christmas Ball will be held in the high school gymnasium under sponsorship of the Girl's League. Music will be provided by "The Stardusters," a ten piece orchestra from Forest Grove which was formerly Bill Durbons orchestra. This affair is formal and the public is invited to attend.

The evening of December 19 will see programs presented by several Sunday schools including the Christian church, the Assembly of God, the Nazarene and the Vernonia Bible church. The date has not yet been set by the Baptist church, and the Evangelical United Brethren church will delay theirs until Thursday evening, December 23.

Monday evening, December 23, the P.T.A. meeting will feature a concert by high school music groups in the high school auditorium. Tuesday evening, December 21 at 8:00 p.m. the annual school program will be presented at the Washington grade school and will be a traditional school program featuring a visit by television to Santa Claus land. Music will be furnished from the grade school under the direction of Mr. Wiggins and by the high school under the direction of Mr. Johnson. Treats will be given to the children by the Vernonia Christmas Association.

Various groups plan Christmas caroling during Christmas week, also.

Marimbist Coming Tues.

Next Tuesday, December 14, at 2:45 p.m., Flemming Oren, marimbist, will be presented in a National Assembly program, "Music As You Like It," at the Washington Grade school auditorium. The high school will join the grade schools for this assembly and the public is invited to attend.

Christmas Seals Available

Extra supplies of the T. B. Christmas seals are available at the Vernonia Insurance Exchange desk in the bank for those who did not get seals through the mail or wish to purchase more.



JAMBOREE fans saw the tightest game of the evening at the end of the affair Friday when Seappoose and Neahkahnie tangled and the latter won by one point. About 1000 fans saw the eight-team pre-league season event.